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Alabama Emergency Management Agency closely monitors Tropical Storm Bonnie

CLANTON – Officials from the Alabama Emergency Management Agency are closely monitoring the path of Tropical Storm Bonnie, and urging Alabama residents to prepare for the possibility of severe weather. The Mobile Office of the National Weather Service is predicting coastal flooding late Saturday into Sunday, rough surf and dangerous rip currents at the beach.

"As an agency we stand ready to assist our coastal communities, but preparing for a storm is a community wide effort" said AEMA Director Brock Long. "It is important for residents to use this time to ensure they have a family plan, which includes knowing their evacuation route, knowing where to seek safe refuge and having an emergency kit."

AEMA is in communication with local EMA offices to determine what resources they may need in anticipation of TS Bonnie. We are also working with our state and federal partners as TS Bonnie approaches the Gulf. While the final destination of Bonnie remains unknown, it is important for coastal residents to listen and heed the warnings issued by their local officials.

As a agency, we are in coordination with the Deep Water Horizon Unified Command in Mobile, AL as they follow their severe weather plans to ensure safety of all working the oil spill response.

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